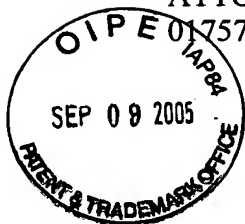


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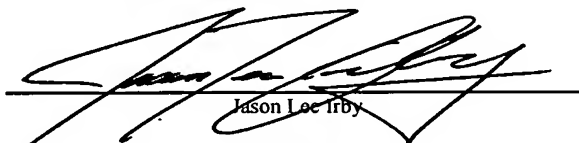


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include both a color replacement sheet, an annotated sheet showing changes and a black and white copy.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes to drawing figures is attached to the end of this paper.